IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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ALLOY AND PROCESSING APPARATUS THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application.

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